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Office of FOIA Services

April 15, 2013

Mr. Michael Morisy
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RE: Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), 5 U.S.C. § 552
Request No. 13-05338-FOIA

Dear Mr. Morisy:

This letter is in reference to your request, dated and received in this office on March 12, 2013, for copies of contracts between Booz Allen Hamilton and the SEC, and any final reports generated and delivered by Booz Allen Hamilton to the SEC over the past 5 years.

Please be advised that our initial consultations with other SEC offices regarding the amount of staff time that will be required to conduct a reasonable search for responsive records, indicate that your request will have to be placed in our First-In, First-Out (FIFO) track. There are two scenarios in which a request will be placed in our FIFO track:

1. If the volume of responsive records will exceed (3) boxes (or the digital equivalent); and/or
2. If the estimated time to search for and/or review the files will exceed 32 hours.

This procedure is consistent with the principles set forth in Open America v. Watergate Special Prosecution Force, 547 F.2d 605 (D.C. Cir. 1976). At present we anticipate that it may take twenty-four months or more before we can begin to process your request.

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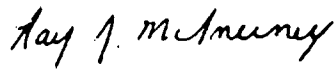
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Additionally, given the nature of the records you are seeking, we have been advised by SEC staff that certain records responsive to your request may be withheld, either in full or in part, pursuant to Exemption 4 of the FOIA in order to protect the commercial and financial interests of Booz Allen Hamilton. Exemption 4 of the FOIA, 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(4), 17 CFR § 200.80(b)(4), prohibits the release of records containing confidential commercial or financial information, the release of which could cause substantial competitive harm to the submitter.

Given these circumstances, please let me know how you would like to proceed. If you are interested in having us place your request in our FIFO track, please write or call me by **April 25, 2013** and identify the records of interest to you. You may also contact me directly if you would like to discuss ways in which you can possibly narrow the scope of your request. If we do not hear back from you within this time frame, we will assume that you are no longer interested in this FOIA request and we will administratively close it.

If you have any questions, please contact me at McInerneyR@sec.gov or (202) 551-6249. You may also contact me at foiapa@sec.gov or (202) 551-7900.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ray J. McInerney". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Ray J. McInerney
FOIA Branch Chief